

Jean Baptiste Plauché to Andrew Jackson, June 1, 1841, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>J. B. PLAUCHÉ TO JACKSON.

New Orleans, June 1, 1841.

My dear General, I have received your esteemed favour of 15th of May, and I learn with great pleasure that the report regarding your pecuniary circumstances is not true; I had almost suspected that the publication was a slander calculated to injure your Credit, but, it made me uneasy, and for this reason, I addressed you. Your fame is engraved on the brightest pages of our country, and cannot be bloted by party spirit; further generations will render justice to the General and to the President. Truth will prevail, and log cabins, hard cider, change, national bank etc. will not supplant reason.

I regret that your adopted son, too confident in the honesty of men whom he believed his friends, has been lured to the endorsement of a sum, which has embarrassed him, and been a cause of mortification to you, but my Dear General, he has been duped because we live in an age of money making, and want of good faith, since our banks have violated the laws of the Land, and given the example of bankruptcy. Agreeably with your request (without mentioning your name) I enquired from the Directors of several of our Banks, if a loan could be had on property out of this State, I was answered it could not.

Permit me now, my dear General, to make you this proposition, which, if accepted, will much gratify me, that is, I will send you a letter of Credit authorizing you to Draw on me at 60 days sight, for the sum of six thousand Dollars, to be used when needed to pay the engagements you have Contracted for your adopted son: you will reimburse in the said

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sum with Bank interest when convenient. I shall have no need of your 0140 116 signature. I can procure this sum by mortgaging my property, or with the signature of a friend here. I beg you to write me a few lines, informing me that you accept my proposition, and when it will be convenient for you to receive the letter of Credit. 1

1 This offer was accepted by Jackson

My sons beg to offer their thanks for your kind remembrance, and you have the best wishes for your prosperity and happiness from your sincere and Devoted friend.